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June 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND

During the fall of 1942, Allan Chase, a journalist who resides at [REDACTED] New York City, visited Puerto Rico, Cuba, and other localities in that vicinity, for the purpose of securing information relative to the Spanish Falange and kindred subversive groups, both in the United States and in the territories visited by him. By way of review it is pointed out that Chase was the editor of the magazine "Click" and one of the editors of the magazine "Friday," [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are indications that his recent travels to the countries named above were in behalf of the newspaper PM and the magazine Click.

DETAILS

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The two chapters mentioned above have been reviewed at the Bureau. Much of the material contained therein is concerned with Spanish individuals

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who are already being investigated by the FBI. Other individuals and organizations mentioned by Chase are being appropriately investigated in those cases where such action is deemed advisable. These chapters adhere in their entirety to the Communist Party line in its propaganda endeavors relative to Franco, the Spanish Falange and the Catholic Church, both in Spain and the United States. They are extremely critical of the State Department's attitude relative to Spain and the United States Government's continued recognition of the Franco regime. Chase endeavors to prove in this book that the Catholic Church is the tool of the Axis and intimates that the Catholics in this country, as well as in other Central and South American countries, should be looked on with suspicion and disdain in so far as their sentiments and loyalty are concerned.

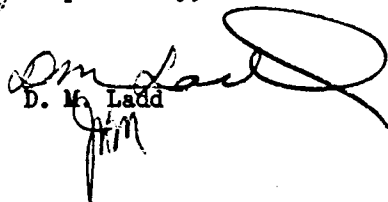
OBSERVATIONS

It is believed that the publication of this book would serve to have an extremely deleterious effect upon the war effort of the United Nations, because, (1) The book is undoubtedly designed to create agitation and distrust among the members of the Spanish Colony in the United States. (2) In this book the author indicates that in his opinion the citizenry should make every effort to have this country declare war on Spain. (Certainly Spain is better in a neutral position in so far as the war effort of the United Nations is concerned, rather than as a member of the Axis.) (3) It makes criticisms of the "appeasement policies" of the State Department, which are frequently unjustified and unsubstantiated.

ACTION

There are attached for your approval letters to the State Department, ONI, G-2 and the Office of Inter-American Affairs advising them of the contemplated publication of this book. The New York Office has been instructed to ascertain the name of the publisher of this book. When the publisher's identity is established the facts will be brought to the attention of the Office of Censorship and to Division Four of the Bureau for any action that will be practical and or possible.

Respectfully,


D. M. Ladd

Attachment

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